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By Woman and an apple,
man-kind fell,
By Womans Son yet
all again grew well.

ADam, the firſt man in the world was the firſt that o-ver threw it; he was the King of all the Earth, and de-poſed from his Crown: Paradice was his Palace, & from that he was driven: Eden, was his Garden, and from that he was beaten. The Beaſts of the Earth, the Fiſhes of the Sea, and the Birds of the Air, were all made to ſerve him: but he rebelled againſt God, they rebelled againſt him; He gave them Names, and loſt his own; Birds never ſung ſuch Tunes, as when he firſt heard them; but after

Adam's fall.

his fall, they did not sing but mourn.

A Woman caused all this woe: the Woman was seduced by a Serpent, Man by that Woman, and both were Serpents to him. Yet for all this, God took pity of mans weakness: for as the first Adam brought man-kind to a Bar, so the secund Adam brought a Repriev: Adam ruined all, and Christ restored all The Devil would then have seized on the World, but God snatcht it from him, and took it into his own hands.

Man restored by Christ.

Adams weakness begat Sin, Sin brought forth Death, and Death Damnation.

The last Day.

The Trumpet blows,
the Dead arise,
A dreadful Sessions,
yet none dies.

For the tryal of Adams treason, a Sessions will be call'd, the Day dreadful, the Judge terrible, the Jury severe, the Evidence impartial, the

Adams treason paid him.

Cryer

Cryer of the Court as thunder, the Indictment fearful as Lightning, a wretched Soul the prisoner, and all the Nations that ever have been, or now are, the standers by.

Oh what a day will this be! a day of Terror, a day of Triumph, a day of confusion to the Wicked, a day of comfort to the Godly, a day of Rejoycing to the Sheep and Lambs, and a day of howling to the Wolves and Goats. The last day a comfort to the Godly.

This will be the Last day, for no more days shall ever be after; there must never be another Sun, nor any other Moon, or any more Stars; all the Lights of Heaven will be put out, and yet a greater Light be seen, than ever mortal eyes beheld.

The Courts of Kings, the Palaces of Noble Men, the Mannors of Lords, the Banquetting-Houses of Rich-men, the full Barns of Farmers, the Cottages of Husbandmen and the Stalls under which Beggars lye, will be as one, and all come to nothing on that day.

All the Kings upon Earth, all the Nations under those Kings, and all

those slaves that have been trod upon by those Nations, shall be called on this day to an open Tryal? Death then shall see an end of her Reign, the Grave will then be satisfied; nothing must remain but time, and that time must wait upon eternity.

On that day the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, and
1. Thes. 2. 16. an Arch-Angel shall come with a great Power and Majesty, and he shall sound a Trumpet, whose sound shall be heard over all the parts of the World, and with his Trumpet shall Summon all Nations, and all sorts of people to come to the general Judgment,

Who shall appeal from this Summons? who shall be able to avoid this Judgment? What heart will not tremble and quake at the terrible sound
All that ever have been, or now are must come to judgement. of this voice? This voice shall take from Death all her spoils, and force her to restore and pay back again whatsoever she hath taken from the World. All that are living shall be changed, all that are dead shall be alive: the Prophets and the Patriarchs, the Apostles and Evangelists, Martyrs and Virgings shall there stand in white. The

Graves

Graves shall open, and deliver their bodies, those bodies shall resume their own Souls, and those Souls shall appear together: The Sea shall give account of those whom he hath drowned: the fire of those whom his flames hath consumed: whom the sword of Tyrants, the Saws, Rack, & Wheels of Hang-men have mangled and cut to pieces, shall at this day have every limb put into it's right place, every Joynt and bone set together. For on a white throne one shall sit, from whose face Heaven and Earth shall flye away, and their place shall no more be found: before him shall stand the dead both great and small: the books shall be opened, and one book which is the book of Life: and the dead shall be judged of those things which are written in these books, according to their works. The Sea shall give up her dead, Death and Hell theirs, and Death and Hell shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, which is the second.

Earth, Water, and Fire give up their dead.

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The books of our lives

This day is called the last day, because it is the end of all days, the end of the World, the consumation of Weeks, Months, and years; no day

Why called the last Day,

shall ever again be set down in any Almanack.

Why the *Lords* day, or the day of anger.

It is called the day of anger, or the Lords day, for now he will be revenged of his Enemies, the Lords day, because all other days have been the days of Men, in which they have abused, rejected, and done what they would themselves in contempt of God, but on this day God will punish such as have abused his Goodness, and rewarding such as have set forth his Glory.

The Signs before the Day.

When it shall be none knows,
yet it must come,
And these are signs fore-going
the day of Doom.

Mar. 13 OF that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the Angels that are in Heaven, neither the Son himself, save the Father, watch therefore, for it is uncertain whether the *Master* of the house (being gone into a strange country) will come at even, or at mid-night,

night, at the Cock-crowing, or at the dawning.

How beit, certain ſigns ſhall go before this day, by which ſigns, (as by the Evening, Men judge of the following Morning) we may prognoſticate, not only of the neerneſs of the time, but of the Terrors which will accompany it.

St. Mathew ſays, before the coming of this day, there ſhall be great Wars and Troubles in the World, Nation ſhall riſe againſt Nation, and Kingdom againſt Kingdom, and there ſhall be great Earthquakes in many places, and Peſtilence and Famine, and terrible things in the Air; and other great Signs and Wonders. St. Luke ſays, there ſhall be falſe Chriſts, Wars, Sedition, Hunger, Plagues, Famine: Prophets betrayed to their own Parents, by their own Brethren, Friends, and ſome of them ſhall be put to death.

Mat. 24. 5. The ſins going before this day

Luke 21 Wars. plagues.

Theſe are the Trumpets, the Purſivants, Vancurriers, and Heralds, which go before and make way for the Judge to come; then the day of Seſſions drawing nearer and nearer, there will

will appear other Messengers, far more fearful, far more terrible: For thus saith the Lord by Ezekiel; I will cause the Stars of Heaven to be darkened on thee, and I will cover the Sun with a cloud, and the *Moon* shall not shew forth her light, and I will cause all the Lights of Heaven to mourn, and I will send darkness over all the Land.

The coming of the Judge.

Christ his coming to judgement

A flood of fire

These warnings, and these dreadful Embassies being sent beforehand, at length the Judge himself approaches, before whom goes an Universal fire which shall burn and consume to ashes, all the Glory of the World: the Fire shall be to the wicked a beginning of their pains, and to the good an induction to their Glory.

O says *Malachy*, who may abide the day of the Lords coming? & who shall endure when he appeareth? for he is like a purging fire, and like Fullers Sope: the day cometh that shall

Mal 3 4.

burn

burn as an Oven, and all the proud yea & all that do wickedly, shall be as stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, and leave them neither root nor branch.

The Prophet Ioel strikes on the same string and it sounds this horrid Musick: A fire devoured before him, and behind him a flame burneth up: the Earth shall tremble before him, the Heavens shall shake, the Sun and Moon be darkned, & the Stars withdraw their shining: This day of the Lord is great and very terrible, and who can abide it. Ioel. 2.

The Prophets muster up their powers Together, to expresse the Glory and Fears that attend upon this general coming into the field: and Zephany for his part, sets down thus much That is a day of wrath a day of trouble and heavinesse, a day of clouds & tempestuous storms, a day of the trumpets and alarm, against the strong Cities, and against the high Towers. Zeph. 1.

When the Prophets have closed up their tunes, listen how an Evangelist sings upon the same Note? As the Lightning that cometh out of the East, Mat. 1.

East & ſhineth into the Weſt, ſo ſhall the coming of the ſon of man be, the Sun ſhall be darkned, & then ſhall all the Kindreds of the earth mourn, & they ſhall ſee the ſon of man come in the clouds with power and great glory: and he ſhall ſend his Angels and they ſhall gather together his Eleſt from the four winds, and from the one end of the Heavens to the other. St. *Mark*, St. Luke and St. Iohn, bear their parts in the ſame Leſſon, all of them concluding, That except the Lord ſhould ſhorten theſe days no fleſh ſhould be ſaved.

Chriſt will come as a *King*, conqueror, a Iudge, a father, a husband a Saviour

Chriſt therefore will come in glory like a King in Triumph, like a Conqueror; in Terror, like a Judge; in Mildneſs like a Father, in Carefulneſs like an Husband; in Wonder, like a Saviour. He is the King of the whole world, all Nations bow at his feet, the Conquerour of Death and Hell: Death where is thy ſting? Hell where is thy victory? What Judge ever Rode ſuch a Circuit? Now the Living and the dead muſt be arraigned before him. What Father can

be

be more pitiful? for as he beats us he huggs us, he weeps when he punisheth; the Church is his Wife, how tender is he over her? yet how often hath she gone astray, and made her Face deformed in his sight? But who can stand up in greater wonder than he, that in one hand holds Heaven, and Earth in the other? What Countenance can strike beholders into Love, Astonishment, or Admiration, but this? whose only voice saves or condemns them.

A Saviour; what title in the world can be comparable to it? a Saviour, a Redeemer; the Names of Emperours, Kings, Monarchs, Princes, Potentates, are to those two but shadows.

The Majestical manner of this Judges coming is to the like set down by Naham the Prophet in this manner (viz) Our *Lord* shall come like a tempest and furious Whirl-wind; and the Clouds are the dust of his feet; He shall take Indignation against the Sea and it shall wax dry, and all the Rivers of the Earth shall be dryed up. The little Basan and Carmelus 3,4,5,6. Nah. 1.

shall

shall be whithered, and the mount Libanus shall fade and fall away. The Mountains shall quake before him, & hills shall melt; The Earth shall burn in his sight, yea, the World and all that dwell therein. Who shall stand before the face of his indignation? & who shall abide the fierceness of his fury? his wrath shall be poured out as fire and the very Rocks shall become death before him. He shall come to his Enemies as Thomes folden one with another, and as Drunkards in their drunkenness, they shall be destroyed as stubble fully dryed.

The world first drown'd then burned after.

The World at first (for sin) was drowned, and must at last on this day be burned: a deluge of Water swallowed the one, and a flame of fire must devour the other: not fire alone, but fire and brimstone: not a clear sweet fire, but a black and noysome one; as our sins stink in Gods nostrils, so that fire in which our iniquities are to be tryed, must stink in ours: for all the World shall make but one bone-fire and in the ashes of that fire the whole Earth must be raked up.

The Sun was Virgo when Christ was

was born but when he comes at this latter Day, in Terrour to Judge the World, the Sun will be in Leo, as this Almanack speaks, for the Lyon of Juda will then roar, and be heard, and shew his strength; and then as an upright Judge, he weighs the thoughts, words and actions of Men: then the Sun will be in Libra; an even, but a terrible heavy Ballance must at that time be held in Christs hand. The *Sun* in *Libra* at the last day.

This Dreadful Dissolution of the world, in which must perish the Earth, the Heavens, Sun, Moon, Stars, Planets, and all that move in the waters or over our heads, is drawn in this excellent picture by the hand of St. John in his Revelation, and in these curious colours, *viz.* I saw a mighty Angel cloated with a bright cloud, his face was like the Sun, he had a Rainbow for a Crown on his head, his feet were like pillars of fire, of the which one he set on the Sea, and the other upon the land; the Angel lifted up his arm towards Heaven, and swear by him that liveth everlastingly, world without end, that from henceforth there shall be no more time. Apo. 10 1, 2, 5, 6.

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The Seſſions, the Iudge ſeated, the Priſoners at the Bar, the Arraignment and Senten e.

The Iudge ſits on the bench,
good *Men* and bad try'd,
The bad condemn'd,
the good are glorifi'd.

THe Iudge being (at this dreadful Day of Doom) placed in his ſeat of Iuſtice, it will be a full Court, a mighty Seſſions: never in any Countrey or Kingdom hath been held ſo great an Aſſizes. All the Children of Adam muſt ſtand before him: All before Noah's time, that were overwhelmed in the gene al Flood, and all the Nations of the world, that ever have been, or ſhall be, ſhall at that day be raiſed out of their graves, and receive according to their deſervings.

The Iudge ſhall ſit in Majeſty and Glory, round about him will ſtand Angels, Arch Angels; and all the Principalities of Heaven.

Before

Before him all the Souls of men, women and children are Prisoners; All Bodies shall rise, but not all after one manner; for the Bodies of such as have done well, shall be fair, beautiful, and brightly shining as the Sun; but the Bodies of those who in their life time upon Earth have done ill, shall appear ugly, horrid, ill-favoured, and very filthy to behold, in as fearful shape as devils.

The Guilty shall tremble at the sight of the Judge, the Godly shall rejoyce: Will you see how the Judge himself will appear, how apparelled, and what Countenance he will carry; See then what Daniel saith. thus doth he Describe him; I stood (quoth he) attentively, and I saw certain seats set in their places, and the ancient of years sat down, whose garments are white as snow, & the hair of his head like pure Wool. The Throne whereon he sat was like flames of fire, and a Rivet of raging fire issued and came forth from before him, thousand thousands were attendant to serve him, and ten hundred thousand thousands stood wait-

ing before him, and I beheld all this in a Vision of the night; and I saw one coming in the Clouds, who seemed to be the Son of Man.

This Son of Man must be Our Judge, before him must be this Arraignment: before his Throne, so built up by Daniel, must all be set; then the Books must be opened.

Kings Judged

At one opening these Books, those Emperors, Kings, Princes, and Rulers of Nations, that have been cruel Tyrants, and not Governed uprightly nor cared for the lives of their Subjects but made Wars more for ambition and for Revenge, then in any Quarrel for Heaven: all these will wish that their Kingdoms might fall upon them, and hide them from the Face of him who affrights them.

Churchmen.

All Church-Men that have instead of being Faithful Shepheards over their Flocks, been Woolves to devour them: shall hear a *Væ*, a Woe Pronounced against them: Judges that have stained themselves with Bribes, Courtiers that have Flown upon the Wings of Pride, vain-Glory, Faction, and ambition; Lawyers that have eaten up

Judges, Courtiers, Lawyers

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their Tyrants: Generals of Armies, Captains, and common Souldiers, that have been drunk with Blood: Citizens, whose false oaths and deceitful Wares, have to buy Lands, made away their Souls: Farmers Graziers, and Countrymen, who have murmured at plentiful years, and in deer ones have grinded the faces of the poor. And lastly, common Beggers, who have made idleness there living, whose mouths have been filled with Curlings, with Prophanels, with damnable Oaths, and with Blasphemy: These, and the rest, and thousand others as bad as these, are sure to be in a wretched estate, when the Judge and their own conscience shall call them to a Trial.

Soldiers

Citizens

Farmers

Beggars

No Justices shall sit on this Bench for bribes, to speak in any Prisoners behalf: no Councellour shall be allowed to plead for any man: no Lords Letters can be received.

They that on earth have sumptuous Palaces, and Wardrops full of Embroidered Garments, who every day are wheeled thorow the streets in thundring Coaches drawn with four

Horses, shows of Foot-men running by: troops of Gallants fluttering before them, Trains of attendants galloping after them: these shall at this Sessions stand shivering, naked, dejected, and stript out of all their Glozies. Those Titles of High and Mighty, Right Honourable, Most Heroical, thrice Illustrious, thrice Reverent, truly Noble, true Valorous, Right Worshipful, &c. shall here be laid by, and not regarded. A Cobler and a Cæsar shall at this Bar stand upon equal terms for Life and Death about one and the same offence, and that is Sin: One Judge must sit upon both, one Jury go upon both, and one and the same Sentence be laid upon them at their Condemnation.

Titles are not here regarded.

What will all the Idolatrous Kings, and People, so often mentioned in the Old Testament, say, when they shall see that true and ever-living God whom they mocked at, and blasphemed?

How will the Jews curse their infidelity, hardness of heart, and obstinate blindness, when they shall behold the true Messia, whom they reviled, spit at,

buffeted,

buffeted, scourged, and crucified?

How will the Romans cry out upon their Jupiter, and 400 several gods, when they see themselves arraigned before an Omnipotent Deity, and not one of their false ones able to help them. The romans.

How will Herod, Caiphas, Annas, and Pilate look, when they see him sit in judgment upon them who was by them basely betrayed, sold, buffeted, tormented and condemned? Herod. Caiphas. Annas. Pilate.

Traytor Iudas, what Hell wilt thou desperately again cast thy self into, to see thy Lord and Maker sit in Glory, whom thou with a kiss betrayedst to a bloody Cross, to an ignominius, barbarous and cruel Execution. Iudas.

How will the Turks and all their Grand Seignios curse their Creation; and call on Mahomet their deluding Prophet, when before their eyes sits the Father of all the Holy Prophets, whom they on Earth have laugh'd at: and hated all Christians, because they had their Names from Christ. Turks.

May,

Christians. Nay, how will those Christians hang the head, and cry, Woe worth to the Wombs that bare them, and to the Papps that gave them Suck, Whence they have gone astray out of Gods Fold, Lived Licentiously, spent their days in Drunkenness, in Whoreing, Blaspheming, Envying their Neighbours, and in all sorts of varied sins, and have danced hand in hand with Satan? What will they say: Is this he whose Body was Nailed, Hands and Feet Bored, Sides pierced, whole Mouth had Vinegar and Gall offered to it, with a Thousand Tortures, Disgraces and Dishonours, onely for us, to save us; to pay our Debts, and yet how did we every hour, again and again Crucifie him? is this he in whose Name (for Jesus Christ his sake) when no more than one poor Farthing has been begg'd, we have denyed to give it, when at the same time our Pockets has jingled both with Gold and Silver? Is this he, who when we have sat at our Tables surfeiting in variety of Wine and gluttonous chear, have denyed our Scraps and our broken Beer to those who on their Knees have asked for the Tender

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mercies of our Lord Jesus? O vile, miserable, forlorn, and forgetful Captives that we are.

What will remain after this and the like Expostulations, but beating of Breasts, tearing of Hair, Curling their Creation, then Howlings, Ululations, Shrieks, Terrors, fear of Torments before their Faces, and an assurance of everlasting Tortures, which are to follow; but only this the Sentence, Doom or Judgment from the Judges Mouth, and that is in two words only, (*Ite Venite*) Go and come; Go you Cursed, to those who have done ill; Come you blessed, to those who have done well, Go you Cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his *Angels*; Come you Blessed, & dwell with me in *Heaven* for ever. The *Sentence.*

Take heed therefore, O thou Christian, and beware that this Great Day of the Lords comes not upon thee unawars and therefore Watch and Pray at all times, that thou mayest be ready when he calls for Judgement, to be one of those to whom he shall say, Come you Blessed.

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